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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action mailed May 24, 2006, Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced application be reconsidered based on the following:

- I. A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper, though amendments to the claims are not made by this Amendment;
- II. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper; and
- III. A courtesy copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 23, 2004 follows page 14 of this paper.